

UNION COUNTY'S DISPENSARY BILL

Representatives L. L. Wagnon and J. F. Walker, Jr., Introduce Measure—Passed House, Up to Senate.

Representatives L. L. Wagnon and J. F. Walker, Jr., have introduced a bill which has passed third reading and now goes to the senate. The full text of the bill is as follows:

A BILL

Relating to the Disposition of Dispensary Stock in Union County.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. That J. G. Goings, W. H. Haile and F. B. Culp, the Board of Control of the Dispensary of Union county, at the time said Dispensary was closed by law, be, and they are hereby, authorized, empowered and required to wind up the affairs, sell and dispose of all liquors, wines, whiskeys, beers, cordials, gin, rum, alcohols of every kind now on hand in said Dispensary, together with all fixtures, equipment and paraphernalia of every nature in any wise belonging to said Dispensary, to collect for same, and to turn all proceeds of same over to the Treasurer of Union county to be disposed of as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. That said Board of Control, or a majority thereof, shall cause to be inserted in at least one daily newspaper of the State of South Carolina with a State-wide circulation, an advertisement, setting forth in full and detail every item, kind, name and grade of such goods as sold from said Dispensary, and more fully enumerated in Section 1, together with all fixtures, equipment, bottles, corks, labels and supplies of any character, calling for bids on same in part or as a whole. They shall in addition have the same advertisement printed in circular form in sufficient number to mail out and be required to mail said circulars to as many dealers, wholesalers or buyers of such articles, in territory where such articles as referred to can legally be bought and sold, as they be able to secure names and addresses.

Sec. 3. They shall reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or to accept or reject any part of any bid, and all bids shall be sealed and addressed to the Treasurer of Union county; all bids must be in the hands of the Treasurer of Union county not less than thirty days from the insertion of the first advertisement, and every bid to be considered must have been deposited with the Treasurer of Union county a New York Exchange, payable to order of such Treasurer for fifty (\$50.00) dollars as a guarantee of good faith, all exchange to be returned when bid is not accepted, and to apply as part of purchase price on such bids as are accepted.

Sec. 4. The advertisements referred to in Section 2 shall be published at least in three issues of such daily newspaper as it is published in, and shall offer all such goods and fixtures of said Dispensary of Union county to the highest bidder, and all bids shall be opened publicly and all bidders may be present in person and may be allowed to inspect all stocks and articles for sale, at or prior to day fixed for opening of such bids. No bid shall be accepted or considered from any party or parties within our State or South Carolina or in any territory where such things are now forbidden by law.

Sec. 5. All bids shall be opened by the Treasurer of Union county in the presence of the Board of Control, or a majority thereof, and they, together with the Town Treasurer, and the Mayor of the city of Union and Superintendent of Education of Union county, shall consider all bids, and the majority shall decide all questions and calculations, and accept or reject any or all such bids as shall appear to be the best interests of Union county, the city of Union and the public schools of Union county; the decision of a majority of those named shall be final on all matters.

Sec. 6. The provision of this Act must be carried out and completed within sixty days from the date it receives the signature of the Governor, and all bids and calculations must be made and decisions rendered with a view and purpose of fully disposing beyond the borders of the State of South Carolina and only in such territory where the articles named by this Act may be lawfully sold, and shipped in interstate commerce. All and entire, the stock, fixtures, machinery and supplies now on hand in the Union County Dispensaries. Regard being had to and every effort made to secure the best return possible to the city of Union, county of Union and public schools of Union county in sale of said Dispensary assets.

Sec. 7. The approved statement of the Dispensary Board as made and

checked up by the State Dispensary Auditors for the State of South Carolina at the time the Dispensaries were closed by law in December, 1915, shall be taken as a basis for all calculations and accounting of stock, fixtures, etc. Each member of the Dispensary Board shall be paid at a rate not exceeding fifty dollars per month for so much of sixty days as it takes to sell, ship and completely wind up all affairs of the Dispensaries in Union county; they may employ not more than two of the original employees of the Dispensary prior to the time it was closed by law for such assistance and service as may be necessary to expeditiously handle the winding up of the Dispensaries. No salary shall be paid such assistants in excess of that formerly received by the men so employed, prior to December 31, 1915. The board is authorized to pay necessary postage, advertising, circulars and such labor and drayage as by sworn statement shall be found absolutely necessary to ship and handle said stock, fixtures and equipment.

Sec. 8. All sales shall be collected for in funds at par in Union, S. C., prior to shipment of goods. Goods shall be sold F. O. B. Union, S. C., shipment entirely at buyer's risk after delivery to transportation company in good order. Full detail records of every transaction, of all bids accepted, of all moneys received, of expenses and salaries paid and disbursed shall be sworn to by each member of this board before a notary public and all accounts, sales and settlements accruing from such sales shall be made to the Treasurer of Union county and all claims, expenses and salaries disbursed by him out of such proceeds as may be derived from said sales. Such funds as may remain on hand when sales are completed shall be pro rated by the Treasurer of Union county and immediately paid over to the proper authorities to receive same as provided by law under the old Dispensary law in effect during 1915.

Sec. 9. Should there be any part of stock, equipment or fixtures for which no bid is received, the board shall be empowered to dispose of same to best advantage, with consent of the Treasurer, Mayor and Superintendent of Education to the end that all affairs may be completely wound up within sixty days. Shall any part of stock, fixtures or equipment of said Dispensary be on hand undisposed of on the 50th day after this Act receives the signature of the Governor, the Sheriff of Union county and the Chief of Police of Union, South Carolina shall, with such deputies of Union and assistants as may be necessary, take any and all such remaining stock, fixtures and equipment to some safe place within the corporate limits of the city of Union, S. C., on the 60th day and there publicly burn and destroy the same.

Sec. 10. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act is so far as they apply to Union county, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed for sixty days from the date this Act receives the signature of the Governor.

Sec. 11. All members of the Board of Control who shall wind up this Dispensary shall be deemed as officers of the State of South Carolina and for any failure in the performance of such duties as are devolved on them shall be deemed guilty of malfeasance in office and shall be dealt with accordingly; any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced in the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 12. This Act shall go into effect immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

U. D. C. MEETING.

The U. D. C. held their regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. W. Farr Gilliam Monday afternoon, Jan. 30th, the hostesses being: Mesdames Gilliam, McElroy, Jeffries, Boyd, W. H. Perrin and L. G. Young.

It was definitely decided to have a bazaar on the 12th of January for the purpose of making money to be used during the convention held here in the autumn.

After the business session the following program was enjoyed:

Instrumental solo, Mrs. John S. Morgan.

Paper, "Stonewall Jackson," Miss Alberta Harris.

Violin solo, Miss Annie Aodger of Chicago.

Paper, "Robert E. Lee, Miss Blanche Garner.

Vocal solo with violin obligato, Mrs. J. Frost Walker, Jr., and Miss Rodger, accompanied by Mrs. Morgan.

Mrs. McBeth Young invited the daughters to meet with her in February.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments. "C."

The many friends of Mr. G. C. Greer, of the Fairforest neighborhood, will be grieved to learn that he had a serious attack of illness Sunday.

The latest news from him, however, is more encouraging.

TAX LEVY FOR THIS YEAR

Union County Ten and One-Half Mills—Budget as Introduced in House by Representative Wagnon—Where and How the Money is to Be Expended.

The budget for tax levies and appropriations for Union county, as shown in the bill introduced in the house by Representative Wagnon is as follows:

"The tax levy for Union county for 1916 shall be ten and one-half (10½) mills, which together with the revenue from all other sources shall be expended in the following manner, if so much be needed:

Item 1. Roads and bridges, \$15,000; ferries, \$1,000; convict and maintenance of road working organizations, \$6,000; purchase of mules, \$1,250.

Item 2. Public buildings, including water, sewerage, fuel, lights, insurance, postage and janitors, \$2,500; jail expenses, including dieting of prisoners, \$2,000; county home, poor house and outside poor, \$2,500.

Item 3. Court expenses, \$6,000; books, stationery and printing, \$900.

Item 4. Post mortems, inquests and lunacy, \$1,000; registrars of vital statistics, \$350.

Item 5. Salaries: Board of equalization, \$300; clerk of court, \$400; sheriff, \$1,500; treasurer and clerk, \$766.67; auditor and clerk, \$766.67; superintendent of education, \$900; attorney, \$125; physicians, \$125; coroner, \$300; rural policemen (4), \$900 each, \$3,600; supervisor, \$1,000; 8 county commissioners at \$250 each, \$2,000; clerk to board of county commissioners, \$600; magistrates and magistrate's constables and rent, as by statute, \$2,370; superintendent of county farm, \$300; master, \$300.

Item 6. Interest on current loans in anticipation of collection of taxes, \$2,500; interest and sinking fund, railroad bonds, \$5,600; interest and sinking fund, court house bonds, \$3,400; interest and sinking fund, public debt bonds, \$1,500.

Item 7. Pensions for old soldiers, \$6,842; military company at Union, S. C., \$150; reindexing records in clerk's office, \$300.

Item 8. Incidentals and contingent fund, \$1,000; girls' tomato club, \$675; past indebtedness, \$8,400.

FAIR FOREST CHAPTER, D. A. R.

The Fairforest chapter, D. A. R., met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Mobley Jeter and the hostesses serving with Mrs. Jeter were Mesdames Mixson, Gilliam and Miss Minnie Walker.

The chapter decided to celebrate Washington's birthday by giving a colonial tea, and also discussed the advisability of limiting the number of members to 60.

Some very interesting papers were exhibited—the will of "Sukey Jasper," sister of Sergeant Jasper, and a letter written to the citizens of Union in 1836—a deed to the Presbyterian cemetery and a letter written by Col. David Hopkins.

A photograph of the monument at King's Mountain was shown and also one of Miss Belle Culp taken in dress worn at unveiling of the monument.

Mrs. L. J. Hames, regent read a sketch of the life of Mrs. Pickens Barron and the chapter received this standing.

Miss Mary Emma Foster read a splendid paper on Rebecca Pickens and Mrs. Wallace read extracts from an address delivered at Continental Hall under the auspices of D. A. R. in celebration of Washington's birthday.

A vocal selection by Mrs. W. T. Beaty, Miss Kathryn Layton and Miss Ludie Jordan, accompanied by Miss Vivian Sarratt was much enjoyed, after the business meeting adjourned, the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

The Home Economics club will meet Tuesday morning, February 8th, at 10 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Alsie Smith, county demonstration agent, has just returned from a month's course at Winthrop college and is better prepared than ever to give us the benefit of her knowledge.

All members are urged to be present; the subject for discussion will be meats and is sure to prove interesting.

Mrs. Jacob Cohen.

DEATH OF YOUNG FRANKLIN.

Mr. Young Franklin dropped dead at his home in Spartanburg last Sunday morning. He was about 70 years old and served through the war.

Mr. Franklin was formerly from Cross Keys and has numbers of relatives and friends throughout the county to mourn his death. He leaves three children, Messrs. John and Fletcher Franklin and Miss Nanie Franklin.

Mrs. W. T. Lawson, who was carried to the hospital in Columbia two weeks ago for an operation, is now considered out of danger. It is expected that she will return to Union in another week.

Item 9. Travelling expenses, stamps, stationery, etc., county superintendent of education, \$200; promotion and encouragement of night school, \$200; refund double taxes estate of Mrs. M. R. Duncan, \$140.20.

Item 10. Subscription Appalachian Highway, \$500; supplementary salary county demonstration agent, \$150; premiums Union county fair to promote interest in agriculture, etc., \$500. Total, \$80,910.54.

Provided, the system of making up this budget for tax levies and appropriations for county government and supplies is used in accordance with the recommendation of the comptroller general, enabling him as required by law to prescribe a uniform and systematic system of bookkeeping and checking of accounts throughout the State; so that the people may know the specific items for which they money is spent.

The supervisor of Union county is hereby forbidden to issue any warrant in excess of any appropriation for any purpose and is further forbidden to issue any warrant for which specific appropriation has not been made, except such warrants as it may be necessary to issue against the appropriation for incidentals or contingent expenses.

The county treasurer of Union county is hereby forbidden to pay any warrant for any amount in excess of the appropriation specifically made for such purpose: Provided, That any unexpended balance of any appropriation named in this act which may be on hand to the credit of such item, may, with the written consent of the Union county delegation be diverted to any item for which appropriation has been made under this act, in case the item to which such balance is diverted show a deficit.

Provided, further, That any unexpended balances heretofore appropriated and now in the hands of the treasurer of Union county may in like manner be diverted to any item showing a deficit.

MR. W. F. CARTER DIES SUDDENLY.

Mr. W. F. Carter dropped dead Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock on Broad river. He had gone out with a party of several, preparatory to going fox hunting, of which sport he was very fond. It seems that the dogs got on trail of a fox on this side the river, whereas the party were planning to hunt over on the Chester side. Mr. Carter, in trying to get the dogs together and across the river, exerted himself considerably. He climbed a steep hill and headed off the dogs. He then got on his horse and rode back to the ferry. After dismounting, and without a word of complaint he suddenly fell backwards dead.

He is survived by his wife and four children. His children are: Mrs. Aubrey Gilmore or Santuc and Mr. Judson Carter of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Miss Alma Carter and Mr. Ben Carter of Union county. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Carter of Lockhart, a brother in Mississippi and three sisters at Lockhart.

Mr. Carter was 53 years of age and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a man of sterling character and was industrious and a good manager. His death was a great shock to his friend and relatives.

JEWISH RELIEF DAY FOR WAR SUFFERERS.

The movement for Jewish relief for those who are unfortunately situated in the war zones of the old world is sweeping throughout the country and Union has joined the worthy undertaking. This movement has been endorsed throughout the land by prominent citizens from President Wilson down.

Mrs. Jacob Cohen and Mrs. S. S. Linder were appointed to receive the donations and all funds collected will be forwarded to Mr. Felix M. Warburg, treasurer of the American Jewish Relief Committee, 52 Williamsburg St., New York, who will forward them to the Jewish war sufferers. The sum of \$110 was collected by these ladies.

It is estimated that there are nine million Jews in the war zones of the world suffering acute want by reason of the hardships of war and the breaking up of their homes. One of the areas in which great suffering is said to be felt is in the mid European area embracing Galicia, Poland and adjoining provinces where the advancing and retreating armies have destroyed practically everything.

HANDSOME SHOW WINDOWS.

The Union Clothing company has recently had their show windows handsomely remodeled. The windows are very attractive. Mr. L. C. Evans designed and painted these windows and the result is a work of art. You will not find more attractive show windows anywhere.

AMERICANS DEMAND DEFENSE OF HONOR

COURT CONVENES MONDAY.

Court convenes here Monday, Feb. 7, Judge Hayne F. Rice, presiding. The jurors drawn are as follows:

First Week Jurors.

W. H. Sartor, Union school district. Arthur Lawson, Union school district. A. B. Lancaster, Buffalo. Vernon Fitzgerald, Lockhart. K. Hawkins, Union school district. R. S. Harris, Santuck. C. H. Harmon, Union school district. John Dameron, Lockhart. E. P. Norman, Union school district. J. B. Prather, Cross Keys. Sam R. Garner, Pinckney. W. P. Duckett, Union school district.

C. H. Norman, Union school district. H. C. Miller, Fish Dam. A. L. Stutts, Union school district. R. F. Fowler, Pinckney. R. E. Bentley, Pinckney. Sims Fridy, Santuck.

R. J. Little, Pinckney. Henry Brooks, Goshen Hill. E. W. Hightower, Bogansville. W. M. Bentley, Pinckney. L. J. Browning, Cross Keys. J. L. Hawkins, Union school district. Dallas Meadows, Santuck.

Sims McDaniel, Santuck. B. J. Kennedy, Jonesville. Ben T. Young, Pinckney. J. B. Foster, Jonesville. W. L. Inman, Pinckney. R. G. Gregory, Union. J. T. Byars, Union school district. J. L. Wyatt, Jonesville. R. B. Alverson, Cross Keys. F. E. Mabin, Goshen Hill. H. C. Crawford, Lockhart.

Second Week Jurors.

W. D. Sartor, Santuck. A. R. Morris, Union school district. Geo. Werley, Jonesville. J. H. Hyatt, Bogansville. W. B. Bentley, Union. M. O. Belue, Union. T. M. Sims, Union. T. J. Garner, Jonesville. Jesse L. McCravy, Bogansville. R. B. Bentley, Pinckney. S. Russel Jeter, Santuck. S. C. Gregory, Santuck.

W. H. Wilburn, Cross Keys. E. R. Godshall, Union school district. Chas. D. Bogan, Bogansville. H. H. Jones, Lockhart. S. R. Aycock, Pinckney. J. M. Bailey, Cross Keys. J. M. Conrad, Jonesville. S. S. Lankford, Union school district.

J. P. Hopkins, Bogansville. T. S. Johns, Union school district. Clarence Smith, Union. J. A. Wilburn, Union. Joseph L. West, Bogansville. J. B. Wood, Union school district. A. R. Vinson, Bogansville. Jas. Canupp, Lockhart.

S. S. McCollough, Lockhart. A. B. Brannon, Union school district. R. L. McNally, Union school district.

R. A. Jones, Union school district. H. L. Sprouse, Jonesville. J. F. Fincher, Cross Keys. Thos. McNally, Union school district.

W. J. Lancaster, Bogansville.

Grand Jurors.

The grand jurors for 1916 are as follows:

Matt Sumner, Union school district. J. T. Bradley, Union. James Cudd, Lockhart. W. E. Bates, Carlisle. J. R. Parks, Lockhart. W. F. Farr, Union school district. G. C. Perrin, Jr., Union school district.

J. S. G. Long, Jonesville. J. L. Belue, Bogansville. W. H. Westbrook, Lockhart. C. L. Gault, Jonesville. Sam Smith, Bogansville.

U. D. C. BAZAAR.

The ladies of the William Wallace chapter, U. D. C., will be delighted to serve the public to hot oysters, salads, tea, coffee, chocolate and many other good things on Saturday, Feb. 12th, beginning at 10:30 a. m., at the vacant store on Main street, recently vacated by Clarke Clothing company.

They will also have fancy work, Japanese articles, aprons, cake and candy booths and other attractions. Be sure and bring the children.

A FIRE SUNDAY MORNING.

Fire destroyed the residence of Henry Ray, a respected colored man, Sunday morning about 2 o'clock. Although the fire company arrived in a few minutes after the alarm was turned in, the house and contents were destroyed. The house was a roomy, well-built cottage of five or six rooms, and was well furnished. It is understood that there was a small amount of insurance, but the loss is quite a heavy one. Ray is in poor health also, which adds to his distress. He recently sold out his barber shop here because of poor health.

Do Not Wish Nation to Be Powerless to Protect Its Good Name—President Wilson Makes Answer Plain.

Des Moines, Feb. 1.—President Wilson, in addressing the largest audience of his present trip in which he is advocating preparedness, here tonight asked this question: "Do you want the situation to be such that all the president can do is to write messages and utter words of protest?"

"Why, to ask that question is to answer it," he said.

"Whenever international law is violated by one or the other belligerents," the president said, "America was called upon to register a 'voice of protest or insistence.'"

"If the breaches of international law, which are in daily danger of occurring, should touch the very honor of the United States, do you wish to do nothing about it? Do you wish to have all the world say that the flag of the United States can be stained with impunity?"

"I know there is not a man or woman within the hearing of my voice who would wish peace at the expense of the honor of the United States."

Loudly Applauded.

The president's address was punctuated with thunderous applause. He spoke gravely but with emphatic gestures to enforce his words. But both his declaration that the United States wants peace and his assertion that the self respect of the nation must be preserved brought quick responses.

The president declared he was trying to weigh carefully every word he said. He reiterated that he had been daily charged to keep the country out of war and also to uphold its honor.

"And many a night when it has seemed impossible for me to sleep," he said, "because of the apparently inextricable difficulties into which our international relations were drifting, I have said to myself, I wonder if the people of the United States fully know what that mandate means to me. And then sleep has come; because I knew that there was not a community in America that would not stand behind me in maintaining the honor of the United States."

"The difficulty of keeping America at peace during this titanic struggle across the sea can not be disclosed now; perhaps it never can be disclosed. How anxious and how difficult this task has been! But my heart has been in it. I have not grumbled a single burden that has been placed upon me with that end in view."

There are actually men in America who are preaching war, the president declared, men who want the United States to have entangling alliances abroad. He said he did not think they spoke the voice of America, which he declared to be for peace.

He added that others go further than he in advocating peace. "They preach the doctrine of peace at any price," he added, while men in the audience called "Never!" "Never!" He said these men did not know the circumstances of the world.

The president declared he hoped if this war had no other result it would create an international tribunal to settle questions which cause war. His declaration that he had found the people of the Middle West for preparedness drew loud applause.

"Some one who does not know our fellow citizens as well as he ought to know them, told me there was a certain degree of indifference and lethargy in the Middle West with regard to the defense of the nation," he declared. "I said I did not believe it, but was going out to see. I have seen what I expected to see—great bodies of serious men and women coming together to show their interest in the object of my visit."

The president closed with a tribute to the American flag.

"As I look at that flag," he said, "I seem to see many characters upon it which are not visible to the physical eye. There seem to move ghostly visions of devoted men who, looking to that flag, thought only of liberty, of the rights of mankind, of the mission of America to show the way to the world for the realization of those rights. And every grave of every brave man in the country would seem to have upon it the colors of the flag, if he were a true American—would seem to have on it that stain of red which means the true pulse of blood; that patch of pure white, which means the peace of the soul. And then these seem to rise over the graves of those men and to hallow their memories that blue space of the sky in which swim those stars which exemplify for us glorious galaxy of the States of the Union, which stand together to vindicate the rights of mankind."